

that led the team through the series has made Bucks County as well as Pennsylvania proud of their achievement.

I know that the team will remember this summer's season for the rest of their lives. They put their all into their sport, suffering injury and playing the underdog. Every one of the players on the team has done a wonderful job, and I am proud to acknowledge their achievement today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their historic season.

#### AN OPPORTUNITY FOR APEC AND AMERICA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, next week, President Bush will attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum in Pusan, Korea, with representatives from 21 other member governments. His attendance at this forum will highlight the significance of the APEC region, which now accounts for nearly 40 percent of the world's population, over half of world trade, approximately 60 percent of the world's gross domestic product and creates millions of American jobs.

By discussing his efforts to maintain a robust trade, security and global health agenda, President Bush will strengthen our valuable partnership with APEC countries.

As co-chair of the Mongolia Caucus, I am particularly proud that President Bush will be the first American President ever to visit the 800-year-old nation of Mongolia, a true ally in the global war on terrorism. Mongolia has troops courageously serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The President's visit will be a fitting way to express our sincere appreciation for Mongolia's partnership for freedom.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

#### IN SUPPORT OF JUDGE SAMUEL ALITO

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of President Bush's well-qualified Supreme Court nominee, Judge Samuel Alito.

Judge Alito has extensive experience in the American legal system. During nearly 30 years of public service, he has handled difficult and complex legal issues. He began his distinguished career with 15 years of service at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Assistant to the Solicitor General.

Judge Alito has argued 12 Supreme Court cases and argued at least two

dozen court of appeals cases. After being unanimously confirmed by the Senate, Judge Alito served on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals for 15 years. He is widely respected for his fairness and even temperament.

Judge Alito is committed to the rule of law and understands the proper role of a judge in our society. His record as a Federal judge demonstrates that he strictly interprets the law and does not legislate from the bench or create new policies based on personal opinion.

Madam Speaker, Judge Alito has shown a deep commitment to justice and equality, a mastery of the law and strong personal character. I urge the Senate to study his record, hold fair hearings, and give him an up or down vote as soon as possible.

#### THE WAR IN IRAQ IS JUST

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, it has been an extraordinary series of days: closed door sessions in the United States Senate, accusations and re-criminations by a former President of the United States.

President Jimmy Carter said in the last 24 hours that intelligence was "manipulated" in the runup to the war in Iraq. And yet, as the Wall Street Journal reports today, Madam Speaker, four separate independent investigations found otherwise.

Let me say from my heart, I was here the night we voted to give the President the authority to go to war, and it was a combination: Saddam Hussein's rejection of over a dozen United Nations resolutions, an appalling record on human rights, and the complete agreement of every intelligence service in the western world that he possessed weapons of mass destruction, a confidence that was derived from the fact that he not only had possessed them before, but Saddam Hussein had used weapons of mass destruction against his own people, killing thousands in the early 1990s.

There was no manipulation. The war in Iraq was just, is just, and the freedom of the teeming millions who established a constitutional republic 1 week ago supports that conclusion.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4128, PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 527 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 527

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for

consideration of the bill (H.R. 4128) to protect private property rights. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 90 minutes, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 527 is a structured rule. It provides 90 minutes of general debate, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture.

It waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. It provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary and now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. It makes in order only those amendments that are printed in the Rules